

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 28, 2017 through March 5, 2017.

TUESDAY

02/28/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was in for entries and all other non racing day duties, to spell Randy Winick who will be on minutes starting tomorrow for the remaining five days this week.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

The entries were completed late today, approximately four p.m., with a program compiled of three Quarter Horse, Three Thoroughbred and two Quarter Horse Thoroughbred mixed races, for an eight race evening.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The California Bred fifth race in the condition book, for maidens three and up claiming price \$8,000 at a distance of three hundred yards, failed to fill with two entries.

WEDNESDAY

03/01/2017

(1) **SCRATCHES**

At 9:00 a.m. promptly, scratches and changes were called for as usual, with four rider corrections and the report of a first time gelding.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

It was another slow entry day as the eight race program wasn't completed and drawn until after 5:30 p.m. this afternoon. There are four thoroughbred, three Quarter Horse and One Quarter Horse Thoroughbred mixed races.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race offered in the condition book for California Bred maiden three year olds, claiming price \$10,000 at a distance of 300 yards, attracted only one entry, and was called off.

THURSDAY

03/02/2017

(1) **SCRATCHES**

There were no scratches or changes at the 9:00 A.M. designated scratch time for Saturday evening's program.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

The draw for Sunday's program was concluded late again, approximately 6:30 p.m., and only a seven race program could be produced. There are four Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races on tap.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The California Bred fifth race in the condition book went open with seven. There were four Cal-Breds entered in the 300 yard maiden claiming affair for \$5,000.

FRIDAY

03/03/2017

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no scratches or changes called for at the 9:00 a.m. deadline for Sunday's races.

(2) JAMACA AND GARCIA RULINGS (ref: 2/10/17 (3) + (4))

Groom Bennett Jamaca and pony rider Sierra Garcia were in to see the stewards for the penalty phase of their drug complaint hearings held on February 10, 2017. The result of the stewards deliberations on this matter are reflected in the following rulings.

RULING # 51

PONY RIDER SIERRA GARCIA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – TESTED POSITIVE FOR METHAMPHETAMINE AND MARIJUANA.

FURTHERMORE, SIERRA GARCIA SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

RULING # 52

GROOM BENNETT JAMACA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – TESTED POSITIVE FOR METHAMPHETAMINE AND MARIJUANA.

FURTHERMORE, BENNETT JAMACA SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

(3) ROMAN RULING

The following ruling reflects over use of the whip by Jonathan Roman in the seventh race on Sunday, February 26, 2017. This is Romans first offense in the last sixty days.

RULING # 53

JOCKEY JONATHAN ROMAN IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND – FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2017.

(4) VIDEO REVIEW

The following ruling was issued to trainer Matthew Fales for a positive test finding of “two” NSAIDS in the post race sample of “Country Icon” on 1/28/2017, at Los Alamitos Race Course. Neither medication was above the allowable level, however, it is against CHRB rules to have “two” of these anti-inflammatories in a horses system when racing. Trainer Fales offered that he may have given a dose of oral Bute too close to race time, two days prior, and then he decides to switch to Banamine as his NSAID of choice for pre-race medication one day out. Matthew accepted complete culpability and said he was sorry.

RULING # 54

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER MATTHEW FALES, WHO STARTED THE HORSE COUNTRY ICON IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 28, 2017, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844(c)(AUTHORIZED DRUG SUBSTANCES – MORE THAN ONE APPROVED NSAID – PHENYLBUTAZONE(0.79 UG/ML) AND FLUNIXIN (8.1 NG/ML)).

(5) VOIDED CLAIM – 5TH RACE

In tonight's fifth race, #2 "Let's Go Everybody" was reported to be unsound in the right foreleg post race in the test barn by Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck. This horse was returned to Trainer Angela Aquino.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 4 NO GAMES (Tr. A. Moreno) Jockey V. Bednar Replaced C. Aragon, Sick

3rd Race - # 2 MASTER MARINER (Tr. J.A. Moreno) Claimed

4 PEARLA PEARL (Tr. J. Clark) Claimed

9 HAREMS FIRST (Tr. J. Flores) Jockey M. Ramirez replaced G. Suarez – personal problems

4th Race - # 2 WATER CAT (Tr. M. Stortz) Jockey J. Sanchez replaced J. Rosales, left town

5th Race - # 2 LET'S GO EVERYBODY Claimed (Tr. F. Vallejo)

3 FAST LANE LARRY Claimed (Tr. F. Vallejo)

#4 TRIXIE NINE (Tr. M. Glatt) Sick – Veterinarian Dr. Beck

Refund: \$ 143.00

5 GARRAPATA BEACH (Tr. S. Perez) Claimed

8th Race - # 6 INDEED IVORY (Tr. S. Perez) Claimed

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	651	On Track Handle:	\$84,752.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,927</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$284,196.80
Total:	2,578	Out of State:	<u>\$804,499.71</u>
		Total:	\$1,173,448.51

SATURDAY

03/04/2017

(1) SUAREZ RULING #55

The following ruling reflects a penalty given to jockey Guillermo Suarez for failing to fulfill his mount in the third race on Friday night. Mr. Suarez had his representative call in saying he had a personal issue.

RULING # 55

JOCKEY GUILLERMO SUAREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872(Failure to fulfill Jockey Agreement) in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 3, 2017.

(2) BROCKELBANK RULING #56

The following ruling was issued to Trainer John Brocklebank for not taking care of his business as a trainer and making proper arrangements for pre-race "Lasix" administration to his horse "Renegade Run" on February 26, 2017 at Los Alamitos. Apparently, his practicing stable vet had not been given the information or Mr. Brocklebank himself did not give the proper instructions? Its unclear exactly where the fault lies.

RULING # 56

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629(PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION), TRAINER JOHN BROCKLEBANK IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR FAILURE TO HAVE THE HORSE RENEGADE RUN TREATED WITH LASIX, RESULTING IN A LATE DECLARATION FROM THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2017.

(3) VOIDED CLAIMS

There were three claims that necessitated voiding for unsoundness. They were all returned to the original connection's stable.

2nd Race - #3 "BULLISH ON STEVE" was returned to Trainer Jesus Avalos for being unsound as reported by Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck.

5th Race – There were two claims voided in the fifth race. #3 "TRUST UR INTUITION" was unsound in the right foreleg and returned to Trainer Angela Aquino's stable and #5 "ADRIATIC SKYE" was unsound in the left foreleg and was returned to Trainer Humberto Loma. Both of these were diagnosed by Official Veterinarian Dr. Beck.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 4 VOLUNTARY – Claimed – Tr. J. Avalos

6 SOKUDO – Claimed – Tr. R. Guillen

- 2nd Race - # 3 BULLISH ON STEVE – Claimed, Tr. F. Vallejo
 # 6 WARREN'S COLE – Claimed, Tr. K. Castaneda
- 3rd Race - # 6 CADILLAC KITTIE Tr. R. Guillen - Stewards – Entered Back
 Refund: \$151.90
- 4th Race - # 4 NATIVE CAUSEWAY – Tr. J. Avalos – Veterinarian – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$303.00
 #5 MISTY'S VIEW THE GOLD - Claimed – Tr. K. Castaneda
 #6 INDY'S DYNAMO – Tr. F. Gonzalez – Stewards – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$89.40
- 5th Race - #3 TRUST UR INTUITION – Tr. R. Bean – Claimed – Voided - Unsound
 #5 ADRIATIC SKYE - Claimed – Tr. K. Castaneda – Voided – Unsound
- 6th Race - #3 CHIEF TIGER– Tr. R. Bean – Veterinarian – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$278.70

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	917	On Track Handle:	\$79,627.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,972</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$272,968.10
Total:	2,889	Out of State:	<u>\$599,436.47</u>
		Total:	\$952,031.47

SUNDAY

03/05/2017

(1) INQUIRY – SEVENTH RACE – NO CHANGE

The stewards posted the inquiry light to review an incident at the gate. It appears that #4 "REMEMBERING FLORENCE" (C. Huerta – D.N.F.) stumbled in her two front legs just after coming out of the starting gate. A careful review was made shortly after the finish of the 350 yard Quarter Horse Race, and the stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order finish. It was determined that the horse was the cause of her own problem. Jockey Carlos Huerta fell rather roughly to the track surface and was quickly attended to by the track Paramedic and EMT's. Mr. Huerta was released on his own after showing no sign of any serious inquiry.

(2) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 5 ROUND HOUND - Tr. K. Watanabe – Stewards – Works
 Refund: \$154.00
- 2nd Race - #3 STRAIGHT N STRONG – Claimed – Tr. A. Aquino
 #6 CODE ALERT – Claimed – Tr. J. Nunez
- 5th Race - # 1 OUGHT TO BE FAVORITE – Tr. P. Visscher – Sick - Veterinarian Dr. Beck
 Refund: \$571.00

(3) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	530	On Track Handle:	\$ 80,141.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,816</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$336,912.70
Total:	2,346	Out of State:	<u>\$836,983.12</u>
			\$1,254,037.02

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 5, 2017.

There were no equine deaths to report this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period eleven horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: seven for soundness, one for injury, and three for sickness.

Twelve horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Randy Winick.

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SUMMARY

2017

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 03/03	SAT 03/04	SUN 03/05	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		5	4	2	11	64
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	7
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	1	1	11
REFUNDS		A			1	5	2	8	60
RULINGS			Y		4	2	0	6	56
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	3	0	4	13

Stewards' Attendance: Randy Winick, Tom Ward, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Randy Winick (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)